

HERE'S A GREAT CHANCE FOR AN AMERICAN GIRL

Italian Nobleman, With Long List of Titles, Looks for Wife in This Country.

HE'S SHORT OF MONEY NOW

Of Course, She Must Be Rich, but Would-Be Husband Expects to Make Much Money Some Time When He Finishes His Education.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 3.—Here is a chance for an American girl. An Italian nobleman, with fifteen centuries of ancestry and titles from prince down, is looking for a wife. He will introduce her to the exclusive salons of Rome. She must, of course, have a sufficient dowry to support the dignity of her and her husband's position, but he is willing to contribute his share as soon as he completes his education as an engineer.

The prince describes himself as twenty-five years old, amiable and of good character. He freely admits his lands and castles have disappeared through unfortunate management, but he believes all could be satisfactorily restored with the aid of a suitable American girl of beauty, refinement, social ability and money.

The interested seeker's longings are expressed in a letter received here by a New York business man. He asks that his name and that of the ardent Italian be not made public. Here is the letter, the spelling and punctuation of which are the prince's:

"Dear Sir: I got your address from an American Institute here and I apply to your kind office for a very important and delicate matter.

"I belong to an historical and highly noble family of royal origin, which has always been among the most powerful and illustrious of Italy and I possess more over many precious titles of gentry, as prince, duke, marquis, etc.

"Knowing, as also many instances thereof may be cited, that rich American young ladies are very disposed to marry European even without any fortune, but having yet titles of nobility, I desire you to procure, if possible, me marriage with such a one. Naturally, after conclusion, your work shall be very generously compensated, proportionally to the dowry, at least by several hundred dollars.

"The importance of the family to which I belong and consequently of the name I bear is so great that it is quite impossible to describe it in a few words. Known to more than a hundred writers have written the story of the family or have widely spoken of it and that all the state libraries of Italy are obliged to contain them.

"This family counts more than fifteen centuries of existence, and at least three royal crowns; that is, of Norway, Denmark, and Normandy. Ten centuries ago a member of that family settled in Italy, where he and his descendants, by their royal origin, as well as by their large riches, became very powerful. Some fifteen of them were vice-roys of Jerusalem, Cyprus, etc. Their names became storied, they occupied the highest charges, and were distinguished by the most important and envied titles and by chivalrous civil and military orders. An Emperor even wanted them to introduce his heraldry in theirs. Recently also, some members were friends to Edward VII. of England and other sovereigns in Europe.

"Another sign of the quite extraordinary importance of this family is that it possessed an enormous quantity of feudal rights, and consequently of noble titles; 142 baronies, 11 viscounties, 7 counties, 4 marquises, 7 duchies and 6 principalities. Some of these titles have passed, by feminine succession, to other families, but most of them, and precisely some of prince, duke, marquis, etc. remained to the principal branch and belong therefore to me. Of all that I may furnish the amplest proofs. Who marry with me will therefore assume the title which likes the best from princess to baroness. For the considerable importance of the name she will get access to the most reserved and aristocratical salons of Rome, Naples, and all the cities of Italy and even to the Vatican and Quirinal Palaces; you see that all concerning the title and even the advantages and it will surely not be difficult to attain the aim.

"I am 25 years old, rather tall and well proportioned, absolutely serious and sincere and what imports the most, wholly free from any vice.

"I am actually a State functionary and will soon acquire the fluency of an engineer. For the moment I possess no patrimony, but after some studies which I am completing I shall soon very accept my proposition or if you have much money.

"Please write me immediately if you accept my proposition or if you have entrusted it to anybody; in the latter case I shall keep you present for due compensation and payment of your expenses. Waiting for your answer, I remain,

"Yours sincerely,

SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE AND COLOR IN HAIR

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FRIGHTFUL CONDITIONS IN SERBIAN PRISON CAMP

Disease Falls Like Blight Upon Area In Which Austrian Prisoners Are Confined.

MEN IN UTTER WRETCHEDNESS

English Hospital Fights Gallant Fight Against Terrible Odds, but Work Now Is Abandoned—Terrible Prospects Ahead When Summer Comes.

BY CAPTAIN E. N. BENNETT.

NISII, SERBIA, April 3.—Here is the picture of an Austrian prisoner's camp. This is not a hospital, remember, but simply an area where 750 Austrians have been collected. Nevertheless, disease has fallen like a blight upon the camp. At an earlier date one doctor was in charge of this camp, but he is now struck down by typhus. Typhus, dysentery, smallpox, diphtheria, have swept over the place. Last week only twenty men out of 750 could stand on their feet.

There they lie in utter wretchedness. The bulk of the sick men are stretched out on the muddy ground. Their clothes are foul and alive with the vermin which spread the deadly typhus. The silence of the camp is broken only by sighs and groans, but when a stranger comes in sight the sick raise themselves on their elbows, if they can, and cry pitifully. "For the love of God, lady, give us water."

A recent visitor noticed a number of recumbent forms covered with greatcoats and found, on removing these, that five out of the number were already dead, and had been dead for several days. There was nobody to remove the corpses. Here and there some poor wretch crawled about on his hands and knees to fetch a cup of water to a prostrate comrade. This was all the "attendance" which was visible, and the shocking condition of the men and the ground on which they lie can be imagined.

Can any one be surprised to learn that some sixty men die in this camp every day?

FIGHT GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST GREAT ODDS

Here is an English hospital which has tried to do the impossible and failed. Six doctors and twelve orderlies—they had no nurses—took over the control of some 1,500 sick and wounded. They have fought a gallant fight against terrible odds, but typhus has beaten them. At this moment two orderlies are dead, three have been invalided home and three are now laid low by typhus; two doctors are suffering from the same disease, and one has gone home. Three doctors and three orderlies are all that remain on the active list, and the work of the hospital has had perforce to be temporarily abandoned. What could six doctors do with 1,500 men?

Worse still are the conditions under which the Serbian doctors have labored. The poor Austrian prisoners, the only assistants the doctors have—there are no Serbian nurses—do their best, but they are not trained orderlies. Take a large Serbian hospital which I know. It is practically impossible to go near it; so disagreeable is it that nobody who is not compelled to approach the building can bear to be in its vicinity.

Since the commencement of the war sixty-three Serbian doctors have died in Europe.



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in the course of their unequal struggle with disease. One young man of twenty-three, a medical student, has died within a stone's throw of my window. Two British nurses volunteered to nurse him, but it was too late. Before their arrival he was nursed by nobody except a little Serbian maid-servant, and last Friday night he escaped in delirium—there was nobody to look after him—and was later found lying on the muddy road in the bitter cold.

So terrible have been the results of this overcrowding that it seems doubtful whether, in the long run, more lives may not be lost than gained by attempting the impossible. Had hospitals now containing 300 men refused admission to more than 100 and taken every precaution that experience and science furnished against dirt and polluted air, the results actually achieved by medical effort might have been better. But what of the 200 men excluded? No man, doctor or layman, can leave a helpless soldier lying in the street.

In Heaven's name, let something be done soon, for if the almost inevitable cholera of the warmer months falls upon us, under existing conditions, the prospect before us is indeed frightful.

PRESS CENSORSHIP BLAMED

LONDON, April 3.—"Your press censorship is responsible for most of this trouble you are having with the labor men," declared J. H. Thomas, member of Parliament and head of the National Union of Railwaymen, to the government representatives gathered to discuss the labor situation in London. Explaining his point of view later to a mass-meeting of union railwaymen, he said:

"The right press censorship, you see, has been responsible for the workers not understanding exactly what is taking place at the front. We heard of a trench being retaken, but we have never heard of its being lost. I am perfectly certain that while it is necessary that nothing should get out that would be of value to the enemy, it would be much better to treat the British people as men, and not as children, and thereby bring home to the workers direct their individual and moral responsibility."

His Body Recovered.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 3.—The body of Andrew Jackson, a colored man, who was drowned in the James River at Big Island, January 7, has just been recovered. The body was not a great distance from where the man drowned when a boat capsized with him during a freshet.

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Store News

The new "Blariz" Silk Gloves come in the new shades, with a fold of black or white at the wrist, with a mousquetaire strap; price **\$1.50**

The store is filled with Pretty New Gloves in fabric, from 25c up.

Kid Gloves, from 75c up. Main Floor.

Quite a lot of Black Taffeta Silk, yard wide within one inch; **50c** 75c quality, for, yard. Main Floor.

A dainty St. Gall Embroidery, with a hem-stitched ruffle, of soft mercerized batiste, width 27 inches; the remarkable price is, **50c**

Allover Embroidered Organdy, is the new feature of embroidery; they come 27 inches wide, in hand-like embroidery, with edge to match; the allover is, yard **98c**

Edges to match, 6 inches wide, **25c** yard. Main Floor.

27-inch Fillet Shadow Lace Flouncing, novel and entirely new; **29c**

There is no reason why they shouldn't be 50c, other than that we bought them some time ago at underprices.

The most superb stock of Knit Underwear for spring and summer is open for your inspection.

Union Suits seem to be on the increase. They come in prices from 25c to \$2.50 for silk.

Vests come from 9c to \$1.50; Pants, from 25c up. Second Floor.

The Ribbon Store has prices under the ordinary for the most beautiful Ribbons.

The Printed Warp Wide Sash Ribbons for, **25c** yard

Handsome Satin Sash Ribbons, in all light and dark shades, every **20c**

Four-inch Ribbons, all colors and kinds, including moires, yard... **12 1/2c** Main Floor.

It Grows In Its Wide Distribution of Merchandise

In its perfection of selection, service, in courtesy and good will, better merchandise, trustworthiness, proper and best prices, wide and various displays, prompt and efficient delivery —in all goods you need and when you need them!



Late SUIT Arrivals



Many beautiful new Spring Suits have come in during the last few days. They arrived much behind schedule time, and the manufacturer, rather than have us return them, made generous price concessions. Women who choose from these beautiful new Suits Monday will gain a decided advantage as a result of the tailor's delay, for every garment is priced far under its real value.

There are a number of beautiful new models in a profusion of fabrics and colors at a wide price range. Attention is called particularly to these:

Beautiful Spring Suits \$9.95

This is a wonderful value. Think of buying a smart, stylish Suit, in either semi-Norfolk or belted model, or one with the jaunty flaring coat, with full flare circular skirts and of all-wool serges, poplins and shepherd checks—in fact, a splendid \$15.00 garment—**\$9.95** at the ridiculous price of

Other Stylish Models

Consist of Novelty and Semi-Tailored Suits, in a complete assortment of popular new fabrics, including gabardines, men's wear serge, poplin, checks, etc., and in all the leading colors of the season.

THERE ARE REMARKABLE VALUES AT EACH OF THESE PRICES:

\$14.75, \$17.50, \$19.50, \$25.00

With the entire season before you, now is the time to select your Spring Suit. Come to-morrow and get the benefit of the great savings offered by these garments.

Second Floor.

Muslin Underwear Specials

Among the interesting offerings in this complete Undergarment Store Monday will be—

A lot of beautiful Slipcover Gowns that show handling have been marked down from \$1.00 and \$1.25 to, each **88c** only

Corset Covers, fine quality crepe de chine, nicely trimmed with laces and ribbons; special values at **\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.**

Splendid values in Drawers and Corset Covers, 41, each, **50c** only

This Store of Silks for Spring

If there is a new Silk anywhere and not here, it would be a surprise. Not a thing that is novel this season, such as the best of dressmakers and tailors use, but what you can find here at our usual rock-bottom price. Not only every quality, but all the various shades in the different lines of new, this season's fabrics.

Among the many will be found 40-inch Willow Crepe; instead of \$2.50, we marked it at **\$2.15**

The higher grade of Crepe de chine, such as you are charged \$2 for, in every color including black and white, for a yard **\$1.46**

Another Crepe de Chine 40 in. wide, in all the various colors; also black and white, for, yard **95c**

New Spring Fancy Silks, such as checks, plaids, and stripes, at from \$1.50 to **50c**

40-inch Chudde Crepe, one of the richest and most beautiful fabrics ever produced in France; various colors, for, yard **\$3.25** only

Handsome Costume Satin, in all the new spring shades, including black and white, full yd. wide, it is marked **\$1.35**

No matter what your dressmaker calls for in Silk Fabrics, come here and price it. There is quite a large line of light weight hand-woven Japanese Silks, white, black and colors.

Main Floor.

An After-Easter Sale of Seco Silks for Monday

Pongee Silks; every appearance of all-silk fabrics, and wear much better; double width, high lustre, in almost any shade desired; instead of 50c, the price Monday will be, yard... **35c**

Brocade Silk, 27 inches wide; not to be distinguished from the genuine all-silk goods; beautiful quality at the special price of, yard... **25c**

Silk Poplin, 36 inches wide; all the best colors; prominent wale; very special value at, yard... **58c** only

Jacquard Crepe de Chine, 36 in. wide; white ground with various colors of woven jacquard designs; suitable for waists, special for, yard... **50c**

Striped and Printed Pongee Silk, has every appearance of the real imported goods; suitable for street wear; all light and dark colors, only, yard... **58c**

Satin Stripe Crepe, for stylish dresses; all light and dark colors; special Monday at, yard... **25c** only

Main Floor.

Dress Goods, New and Better

Many beautiful new fabrics, in a wide range of colorings, came too late for the Easter display, and will be offered Monday for the first time. There are a number of special offerings.

Crepe Eplinge, soft, all-wool fabric, in all the season's best shades, for street wear; 54 inches wide; the genuine \$2.00 cloth will be sold Monday at, yard... **\$1.50**

Cream Diagonal Serge, a new all-wool cloth, suitable for separate skirts or smart suits; instead of \$1.50, the price will be, yard... **\$1.00**

French Serges, 50 inches wide; all new Spring shades; the very best value to be had at the price of, yard... **\$1.00**

Silk and Wool Poplins, all new spring colors; 40 inches wide; special Monday, yard... **\$1.00**

Storm Shrunken Serge, 44 inches, all-wool; made of double twisted thread, in the new shades of Belgian blue and navy; special for, yard... **75c**

Shepherd Checks, in almost any size and design of pattern; these are really the \$1.50 qualities; to be sold Monday at, yard... **\$1.00**

Silk and Wool Poplins, all new spring colors; 40 inches wide; special Monday, yard... **\$1.00**

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Main Floor.

Beautiful Spring Laces

Monday will see an extremely beautiful and interesting exposition and sale of Laces. The novelties the season has brought forth are as varied as they are lovely, and a complete showing of all that is new and correct will be found here. Here are a few suggestions:

Silk Shadow Lace Allovers; 36 inches wide; the most popular lace of the season for waists; in the newest and most attractive designs; \$1.50 and \$2.00 qualities, for, yard... **\$1.00**

Yard Wide Allover Shadow Laces; these are extremely special values; not to be equaled under 75c or 85c; our price is, yard... **59c**

New Fillet Lace Flouncings; 18 and 27-inch widths; the usual 50c grade, for, yard... **29c** only

Beautiful New White Lace Flouncings; 45 and 27-in. widths; suitable for confirmation dresses; various patterns and qualities at from 50c to \$2.50 a yard.

Lace Flouncings, widths to 15 inches; suitable for petticoat ruffles; heading top for ribbons; special for, yard... **14c**

New French and German Val Laces, exceptional values at the special Monday price of, yard 5c and... **3c**

Main Floor.

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